



Owens Creek Campground Rules and Regulations

Length of Stay	<div><div>1.</div><div>\$16.00 per night per site, \$8.00 with Golden Age/Access Passport.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>7-Day limit; 14 days in a calendar year, CHECKOUT TIME: 4:00pm.</div></div>
Fires	<div><div>1.</div><div>Fires are permitted only in fireplaces. Open ground fires are prohibited.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Do not pile rocks around fireplaces.</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>FIREWOOD: Collect any DEAD wood on the ground near the campground. Wood may not be removed from the park.</div></div>
Limitations at the site	<div><div>1.</div><div>Sites may not be reserved or held for other parties.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Parking is one vehicle per site, overflow parking is by the bulletin board.</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>Only 5 persons or the immediate family are allowed on one site.</div></div> <div><div>4.</div><div>Tables may not be removed.</div></div> <div><div>5.</div><div>Sites may not be changed without the permission of a Ranger.</div></div> <div><div>6.</div><div>Keep all vehicles (including trailers) on the blacktop pavement.</div></div>
Tent	<div><div>1.</div><div>Tent size is restricted to any combination of tents less than 9'x12' or with a total floor space of 108 square feet per site. Tents must be completely on tent pads, when available.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Trenching around tents is not permitted.</div></div>
Trailer	<div><div>1.</div><div>MAXIMUM TRAILER LENGTH: 22 FEET. (No length restriction on motor homes.) Trailers may not be moved unless attached to a vehicle.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>No hook-ups are provided. Dump stations are available at Cunningham Falls State Park for a fee.</div></div>
Sanitation	<div><div>1.</div><div>Deposti all refuse in dumpsters.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Do not wash dishes or clothes in restrooms or at the water faucets.</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>Drainage water must be contained. Dump all wash water in the restroom disposal sink.</div></div>
Safety	<div><div>1.</div><div>Skates, skateboards, and horseshoes are prohibited.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Weapons, fireworks, or similar devices are prohibited.</div></div> <div><div>3.</div><div>Bikes are permitted on paved roads only and are not allowed on trails.</div></div>
Natural Features	<div><div>1.</div><div>Please preserve all natural features. Collecting plants, animals, rocks, etc., is prohibited by law.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Use paved areas when traveling between campsites; shortcutting damages vegetation and causes erosion.</div></div>
Pets	<div><div>1.</div><div>Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet or be physically confined.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>Pets may not be left unattended.</div></div>
Quiet Hours	<div><div>1.</div><div>Quiet hours are 10:00pm-6:00am and will be enforced. During this period sound levels should not exceed the boundaries of the respective campsites.</div></div>
Emergency Phone	<div><div>1.</div><div>(301) 663-9343, Law enforcement emergencies, 24 hours.</div></div> <div><div>2.</div><div>911, Fire and medical emergencies, 24 hours.</div></div>



Camping



Tent Camping

Interpretive programs are presented at the amphitheater each Saturday evening from Memorial Day Week-end through the end of September.

The Owens Creek Campground, located on Foxville-Deerfield Road, offers family camping from April 15 through the 3rd Sunday in November.

Each of the 51 wooded sites is equipped with a picnic table, grill, lantern post and tent pad. While there are no hook-ups, flush toilets are provided in each of 2 comfort stations, 1 of which has hot showers.

Procedures for self-registration and payment of the \$16 per night per site fee are explained on the bulletin board near the campground entrance. Maximum tent size is 9'x12'. Multiple tents are permitted but must fit on the 9'x12' tent pad, and

must not exceed 108 sq. ft. per site. Towed trailers up to 22' in length and motor homes of any size are accepted. Pets are permitted on leash.

Campground Hosts, residing on Site 10 will assist you with any problems. If you need help or if a situation needs to be brought to the attention of a ranger, please notify them immediately, no matter the time of day or night. The nearest public phone is at the Ranger Station on Foxville-Deerfield Road. The park emergency number is (301) 663-9343.

Cabin Camping

Individual family cabins are available for rent at Camp Misty Mount from mid-April through the last weekend in October. These cabins, built in 1936 by the WPA, are rustic, containing only cots with mattresses. A grill, picnic table and fire circle are provided outside each cabin. Hot water showers and flush toilets are centrally located.

Campers provide linens and camping equipment. Pets are prohibited.

A modern dining hall may be rented in addition to cabins or for day use.

Reservations are accepted on or after the first working day in January. Call (301) 271-3140 for further information or to make reservations.

Adirondack Shelters

Year-round, hike-in camping can be found at the Adirondack Shelters located on the northern tip of the Horse Trail. Each of the two 3-sided shelters, similar to those on the Appalachian Trail, can accomodate up to 5 people. Campers must stay in the shelter and may not erect tents near the shelter or on the trail thus minimizing impact on park resources.

All necessary equipment and supplies, including water, must be packed in. Trash may not be buried and must be carried out. A primitive toilet is provided.

Permits for the Adirondack Shelters are issued free of charge at the Visitor Center on a first-come, first-served basis, 10am until 4:30pm, Monday - Friday, and 8:30am until 5pm weekends. Permittees must be at least 18 years old.

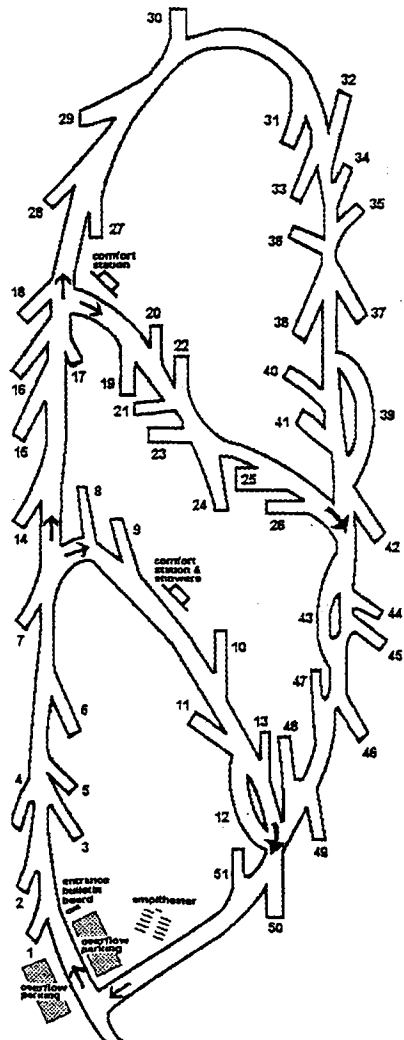
Once the permit is obtained campers will be directed to Camp Round Meadow for parking and the beginning of the 3 mile hike. Parking may be permitted at Owens Creek Campground when the area is open and not filled to capacity. Pets are permitted on leash.

Nearby Camping

Adjacent Cunningham Falls State Park and nearby Gambrill State Park both offer tent camping facilities. Please call (301) 271-7574 to inquire about these state parks or (888)432-2267 to make reservations in Maryland State Parks.

The MD Association of Campgrounds provides information on private campgrounds at (301) 271-7012.

Owens Creek
Campground Layout



Sanitary facilities and water are provided at comfort stations near sites 10 and 20. The station near site 10 has hot water showers. There are no hookups.

Site numbers 12, 39 and 43 are the only pull-through sites. They are well suited for trailers and larger motor homes. Tents must be placed on pads provided. They may be placed on non-vegetated portions of sites where no pads exist.

Site 10 is provided for campground hosts. A sign is displayed when hosts are in residence.

Campground
Etiquette

The close proximity of sites in Owens Creek Campground means that each camper's activities can impact much of the campground. Be a good neighbor! Please adhere to the following guidelines so that all campers can have a quality visit. A complete set of campground rules is posted at the campground bulletin board.

- Sites are first-come, first-served. They may not be held for other parties and must be occupied each night.
- Site occupancy is limited to 5 people or an immediate household. At least one camper must be over 18.
- Quiet hours are 10 pm until 6 am. Noise must not be heard beyond your campsite during these hours.
- Household pets are permitted on leash. Do not leave them unattended.
- Please carpool. No more than 1 vehicle may be parked at any site.
- Report problems to Campground Hosts immediately! Disturbances that bother you affect the whole camp. Hosts are on duty 24 hours a day and are in immediate radio contact with rangers.

Minimizing Impact on
the Environment

The Organic Act that established the National Park Service charges Catoclin Mountain Park with providing recreational opportunities today while preserving natural and cultural features of the park for the future.

Campers in wilderness areas are encouraged to "leave no trace." Please help us preserve natural features by hiking only on trails and camping in designated areas. We are all stewards of the environment.

Allowing camping only in designated areas is part of our effort to meet this challenge by leaving most of the park to thrive in a natural state. The use of tent pads and lantern posts protects vegetation on individual sites within the campground.

For further information call: (301) 663-9388 or check our website at: www.nps.gov/cato.